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between 6 and 20 September 1953, a total of more than 130 suitcases and pieces of baggage for the Red Army continually were shipped by express train through Eberswalde coming from Ribnitz-Damgarten via Finowfurth. the baggage seemed to belong exclusively to officers. a large-scale transfer of officers was apparently under way.

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Comment. during the night of 16 and 17 September, a train consisting of coaches, which were occupied by about 170 air force officers, moved from Damgarten to Frankfurt/Oder via Stralsund. an express train, probably from Brest Litovsk, arrived in Neubrandenburg on 16 September and that about 240 air force soldiers descended from 4 coaches of this train and were subsequently marched to Trolenhagen airfield, while the other 6 coaches proceeded toward Demmin. Since Tutow airfield near Demmin has not been occupied by an air force unit, the train of six coaches probably moved to Damgarten via Stralsund. The shipments reported tend to indicate that an exchange of personnel occurred within the fighter division in Puetnitz. It cannot be stated whether the shipment of baggage is connected with the exchange of personnel. So far, it has not been learned that new personnel arrived at Finow airfield.

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